Retrenchment in NPCC

3131. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 873 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th November, 1987 and state:

(a) whether any supervisory officer was also shown surplus by the NPCC management; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI *SUSHILA ROHATGI*): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

FCI godown at Hubli

3132. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of ENERGY by pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work for construction of F.C.I. godown at Hubli in Karnataka worth Rs. 2.56 crores was allotted to NPCC on turn-key basis;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the work has not been completed and the godown has been constructed only upto foundation level, which has also cracked and crumbled; and

(c) if so, whether any action is contemplated against the persons responsible for this bungling?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The work has not yet been completed. The structure has been constructed upto plinth level, where slight cracks have developed but no crumbling has been noticed

(c) The concerned officer has been suspended and enquiry has been instituted against him.

Power distribution system in the country

3133. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether power is diverted from surplus States to deficit States and to priority areas in the country,

(b) if so, what is the mode of power distribution from surplus areas|States to deficit areas|States in the present drought situation;

(c) whether formation of any integrated agency for power distribution in the country is under the consideration of Government; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) To mitigate the shortage, power is made available to the deficit System/States, to the extent possible, by way of transfer of surplus power as and when available in the neighbouring State|System The power systems in a region as well as contiguous systems in the neighbouring regions are interconnected and power flow takes place over the existing interconnections. The quantum of power transfer depends on actual availability and system conditions.

(c) and (d) The Regional Load Despatch Centres established in each of the five regions are helping in identifying the surplus power, prepare schedules for transfer of such power to needy States and monitor the same.

Payment to technical consultant by NLC

3134. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd. is making further payment to its technical consultant M/s. Rheinbraun Consulting of West Germany